

## The Treatment Of The Negro To Determine Her Destiny In This Great War. Comments From Great Britain Mock At Pretended Love Of Justice And Fair Play. Barring Negroes From Serving Their Country, While White Soldiers Are Being Courtmartialled For Disloyalty, Is Looked Upon With Much Skepticism.

### THREE DAYS CONFERENCE

St. Louis District N. A. C. F. B. G. Meeting, Friday Night. To Continue Saturday and Sunday at Berea Presbyterian Church. Judge Dyer Asked to Speak Sunday.

The St. Louis District of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which comprises Alton, Cairo, Carbondale, East St. Louis, Jacksonville, Mounds, Quincy, and St. Louis, held its first conference at Berea Presbyterian Church, 3015 Pine Street. The opening session was on Friday night at 8:00 o'clock. Sessions on Saturday at 9:00 a. m. and at 2:30 p. m.; on Sunday at 3:00 p. m.

Hon. L. C. Dyer has been invited to speak at the Sunday session. Jas. W. Johnson, National Field Agent, will be present at the Sunday session and will address the gathering. It is hoped that a large audience will hear these eloquent speakers.

### NEGROES FOOD NORTHERN STATES

New York, N. Y.—New York's Negro problem is becoming increasingly difficult, according to speakers at the first luncheon held by the Business Men's meeting. William J. Doherty, Deputy Commissioner of Charities, said that 150,000 southern Negroes had come north since war time prosperity came into evidence. They were lured by high wages and plenty of work, but when they got here they found they were not acclimated, educated or experienced enough to care for themselves. Their emigration from the South gave the southerners a problem, but eventually he said, southern employers will have to meet the high wages offered in the North. George Peabody said that when the South realized that the Negro laborers were flocking north productive conditions there would improve and the Negroes would stay there.

### Judge Kimmel Grants New Trial

Wash Higgins and Robert Henderson, two negroes, were arraigned and convicted, last April, of the murder of Joe Liebel, a white saloon keeper, at 20th and Pine sts., who was killed in an attempted holdup. Both were given ninety-nine years in the penitentiary, by a jury in the Criminal Court, No. 11, over which Judge Karl Kimmel presided. Higgins was defended by ex-Mayor Noonan, and Henderson by Attorney Weiss, who defended the Lewis brothers. Notwithstanding both attorneys were white and made every effort to save their clients from the penitentiary, the jury gave each of them life sentences.

Wash Higgins, after hearing the verdict of life sentence read to him, at once engaged the services of Attorney E. H. Taylor, one of the old negro lawyers, in point of practice, at the bar, in St. Louis.

Mr. Taylor immediately went to work on the case, secured affidavits setting up new evidence, and based his motion upon that ground. The motion for a new trial was argued last Friday, the 17th, by Mr. Taylor. Judge Kimmel granted the new trial, prayed for and Higgins has another chance for his life.

### Negro Officers Training Camp

According to a letter just received from Congressman L. C. Dyer, the Secretary of War, Mr. Baker, has agreed to establish a training camp for colored officers in the United States Army. This camp is to be located at Howard University, Washington, D. C.

In his letter, Mr. Dyer states that anyone who wants to take training for military officer in the army should write him at once, he will furnish them with full information.

### SIMMONS SPEAKS IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, May 11, 1917.—When Roscoe Conkling Simmons, noted orator and patriot, appeared before the famous Union League Club Thursday night, that was the first time any colored man ever appeared before that illustrious body. Charles E. Hughes is president of the Union League Club.

Col. Simmons spoke on "My Country and My Flag" and his eloquence stirred the august Republicans as no speech has done in recent years.

Before beginning his remarks the orator requested the club officials to allow the colored employees to listen to his address.

Although living elsewhere New York claims Roscoe as her own, is proud of his title to be the interpreter of his people. His visit here was a triumph.

### B. E. WATKINS IS TURNED DOWN

Denied Admission To Fort Riley On Account Of Color. He Returned To St. Louis.

Entering into this great war of the part of the United States, it is stated by those who are leaders, that it is the right for humanity that impelled Uncle Sam to take up arms and declare that a state of war really existed between this country and the Imperial Government of Germany. In his speech of declaration, the President of the United States was so eloquent in his plea for human rights that the whole world turned its eyes toward this country of human liberties. This speech aroused the Irish in Ireland to turn their attention to this country for help in their struggles for Home Rule. And according to the best information obtainable just now, as soon as the President of the United States heard of the wishes of the Irish people for help at this particular time, it is understood that the matter was immediately taken up with the British Council here, and pressure was brought to bear, that the granting of the Irish Home Rule would be one of the concessions requested by the United States when matters were readjusted after the war. This action caused comment from Great Britain, that the United States should remove the beam from her own eye, that she may be more generous to the Irish people's eye in the following language: "What would Americans do if we intervened in one of their dilemmas; if our ex-minister, Arthur B. E. Watkins, were to be summoned them with a passionate appeal to raise up their 12,000,000 of colored citizens to equal human dignity, to wipe out the national stigma on the commonwealth that every man or woman born with a dark skin is born in shame of exclusion and discrimination." It is pointed out that many white soldiers and some officers have been arrested and court-martialled, charged with disloyalty. Yet the Negro, whose loyalty is unquestionable is being denied the right to enlist in the severest branch of the service.

### UNCONSCIOUS SEGREGATION

In our recent editorials we have opposed the establishing of a Jim-Crow Hospital to be fostered by the city government. Below is a letter from one of our readers who was impelled by a young man who was impelled by the force of our editorial to express his approval in writing which is as follows:

J. E. Mitchell,  
Managing Editor,  
St. Louis Argus,  
St. Louis, Mo., 5-12-17.

### Ostende Club's Boat Excursion

After a long and dreary winter, spring with its balmy breezes, the birds and flowers come out and brighten the hearts of those that love and long for the beautiful spring and summer.

Just so the Ostende Social Club opens the summer season, and sends their many friends on a boat excursion, on the beautiful Moundlight Excursion, on the Steamer Grey Eagle, Monday night, June 4, 1917. Tickets, 35 cents. Boat leaves foot of Olive Street, 9 p. m. Don't forget the date, June 4, 1917.

### Butterfly In Hawaii

Old favorites coming back into the limelight. Mrs. A. Harris, Officer, former star of "Damon and Pythias," presents Mrs. Grace Key Carleton's "A Modern Story," and a "Company of Butterflies" in a beautiful play, "A Butterfly in Hawaii," Monday, May 21, 1917, at Pythian Temple. Latest songs, good music, beautiful scenery. Evening performance. Benefit Charity. Admission, 25 cents. Offered promptly at \$15.

### All Day Steam Boat Excursion

It is the talk of the town and everyone is talking about it. The largest, the best all-day boat excursion of the season given by the Academy Boys and Girls on the beautiful steamer Grey Eagle, to Carter's Lake, Monday morning, June 18, 1917, in honor of the graduates of the high schools combined, St. Louis High, East St. Louis High and the Alton High. The boat will stop at Alton, go to Olive St. to be present. Must be great Western Band. Admission 35 cents. Walter Carter, Harry Johnson, Ernest Moore, Walter Frazier, John Gross, Henry Johnson, Chas. Roberts, Walter Henderson, Joe Davis, Walter Walker, Rossie Jenkins, Edwin Ivory, Russell Watson, Jesse J. Johnson, Master of Ceremonies.

### Proposed Park Site Opposed

At their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, the question of a community playground was discussed at some length. It was reported that Park Commissioner, Mr. Conliff, was going to recommend the vacant lot down near the railroad tracks between Market and Laclede and Garrison Court and Cardinal Avenues, as a suitable place to locate a play or recreation ground. The statements brought out quite a discussion. All who spoke on the subject opposed the plan so far as it would apply to the Negroes. They pointed out that it was out of way on back streets, less desirable, on one corner and another corner almost on another corner. It was also argued that the proposed location would not give the youth of the race a fair chance to show his ability in such things, because the encouragement from parents would not be strong enough to interest him. It is a significant note, the league went on record opposing the location as a Community Recreation Field.

### GRAND MASTER VISITS CHICAGO

Wm. H. Fields, National Grand Master of the A. U. K. and D. of A. has just returned from Chicago where he made a visit to that city in the interest of the several councils there. He reports progress among the members in the "Windy City."

### Y. M. C. A.

Interest in the Y. M. C. A. collection campaign during the past week is centered in the rapid climb of team 18. Through the efforts of the men at the city tables, under the leadership of H. H. Bradbury, team 18 has now reached the \$900 mark in its collections and is fifth in the standing of the teams, having nosed out team 12 during the last week.

The teams have slowed down a little bit in preparation on the final drive of the spring. Team 17 is firmly fixed in first place, but is holding on by a very small margin.

While the teams are working for the new building, the other activities of the Association are going ahead, and on Sunday, Dr. Lewis Shearer, the forceful and convincing preacher from Los Angeles, Cal., will be the speaker. This meeting will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday at 4:00 o'clock. All men are cordially invited.

The Boy Scout Troop, under the leadership of Mr. Geo. Dickson, will be started at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Friday night and will meet every successive Friday night at 7:00 o'clock. The troop will necessarily be limited at the outset, but there will be room for a number of boys who apply first.

### American Woodmen

The Local Camp of American Woodmen No. 10, of St. Louis, is now located in its office, corner Laclede and Compton Aves. The lodge sessions are held at Masonic Hall, 401 Grand Ave. The officers of Camp No. 10 are offering a free trip to Denver, Colo., to the members of this fraternity. This is one of the best ever given to persons to visit the "Great Rocky Mountain City." Denver is a long way from St. Louis and possesses more scenic attractions than any other American city. Persons who are fortunate enough to secure this free trip will indeed enjoy it. Denver is one of the best of the Supreme Camp of the American Woodmen. This great Fraternal Insurance Society is the largest and strongest financial organization among Negroes. The Supreme Camp, which meets in August, only meets once in four years. Visitors and delegates, representing the younger and modern members of our race, will be present from 17 states; in fact, the men and women, who make up the great membership of this organization, are of a newer generation than is usually met with at the national gatherings of our race. This meeting will be an epoch, and we trust that St. Louis will be represented.

### What Can Be Done?

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Very respectfully,  
R. W. Stewart,  
Supt. of Wayman Social Settlement Association.

### Sunday Services at All Saints Episcopal Church

Rev. S. E. Affrue, late rector of Mt. Olivet, Episcopal Church, will again preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He will be the regular supply at that hour each Sunday until further notice. His sermons are very practical and spiritual.

At 8 p. m. there will be evening prayer. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

LAMÉ TABERNACLE C. M. E. CHURCH NOTES

### CITY JANITORS LAID OFF ON ACCOUNT OF APPROPRIATION SHORTAGE

A shortage in the 1917 appropriation for city janitor hire has necessitated cutting down of the service in the municipal buildings. It was at first supposed that a score or more janitors would be discharged permanently from the Building Commissioner McKelvey decided to give each man a temporary lay off of fifteen days. The first squad received notice on the 16th.

### Mme. Patti Brown

Madame Anita Patti Brown was greeted with a nice audience; last Monday night at Wheatley Branch, Y. W. C. A. Her entire program was rendered with her usual artistic skill; and each was enthusiastically received. While Madame Brown dwells among the classics, she easily set her audience wild with "Swanee River," "Last Rose of Summer" and a few more popular hits.

Madame Brown is one of those artists who studies her profession, which is rewarded in her very sweet expression, which has a tremendous influence on her audience. She was accompanied by Miss Blanche C. Reid, of Norfolk, Virginia.

### MASONS TURN OUT FOR ORPHANS' HOME DAY

Perhaps you have had the care of a loving mother, or a kind father, but you could not help yourself, but that is not the case with these poor little orphans that we have at the home. I am going to request all Masons to meet at our meeting on Sunday, May 20th at 1 o'clock a. m., and fall in line and march out to the home. Come and assist in our Orphan's Home Day. This is real service. L. Henderson, District Deputy Grand Master.

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## OUT OF TOWN NEWS.

## WEBSTER GROVES, MO.

By Mrs. Lolla Laird

Spasmodic services were held at First Baptist Church last Sunday; also an excellent program was rendered under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U. Rev. Rhodes and members of Clayton, were present. The thirteenth Anniversary of the B. Y. P. U. will be held at the First Baptist Church, St. Louis, Sunday, May 20. Everyone is welcome. Mrs. Jennie Foster, president. A large number witnessed the baptizing at the First Baptist Church, last Sunday, in the river. Mrs. Chas. Walters and son, Master Hugh, of St. Louis, were pleasant visitors of Mrs. Wm. Lindsay, on 10th St. Mrs. Gale Wilkerson and Mrs. Ellen Wilkerson, of 1722 Goode Ave., have moved to Webster on N. Elm St., where they will be pleased to see their friends. Mrs. Sarah Woods, of St. Louis, was the guest of Mrs. D. J. Laird, last Sunday. The Booker Washington School boys of Kirkwood, played the Douglas School boys of Webster Groves, Friday afternoon, on the Webster Heights diamond. Kirkwood, under the supervision of Prof. Canon, played a winning game, but the Webster boys assured them that after they have a little more practice it will not be so easy to carry off the laurels. The stock visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnston, of 1345 Indiana Ave., Wichita, Kans., May 2, leaving a baby boy. Mrs. Johnston was formerly a Miss Virginia Peterson, of Webster. Mr. and Mrs. Hedley Allen, formerly of Webster, now residing in St. Louis, were pleasant visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Harwood, where they will be pleased to have their friends call. Mrs. Ethel Frost and Miss Beulah Stone are able to be out after a brief illness. Mrs. Andrew Evans is improving. Prof. T. A. Moore, of St. Louis, witnessed the baptizing last Sunday, and was a pleasant visitor of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis. Mrs. Frank Johnson has been indisposed for the past week. Mrs. Lottie Gilford is able to be up. Mrs. Flora Banks, of Springfield, Ill., is visiting Mrs. Mollie Inge-King.

## FARMINGTON, MO.

By Miss B. F. Baker

Mrs. Geo. Blackwell went to St. Louis Tuesday in answer to a message informing her of the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Taylor. Mrs. Geo. Blackwell has been suffering from an enlarged ankle. Mrs. Weyman Boddie chaperoned a party of friends on a tour here from St. Louis Sunday. While here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. Boddie. Mrs. S. Burke visited at Sprout Sunday. Mr. Wm. Kennedy will leave shortly for work in Illinois. Mrs. Rhida Harris stuck a nail in her foot Sunday, where she has been employed as primary teacher. Sunday, May 20, an old-fashioned revival meeting will begin at A. M. E. Church. Meeting will be conducted by Rev. F. P. Moten, D. D. All are cordially invited. Mrs. Josephine Jordan is visiting at St. Louis.

## POPULAR BLUFF, MO.

By Mrs. C. P. Jackson

Mother's Day was observed Sunday at the M. E. Church, with an excellent program conducted by Mrs. Myrtle Shaffner. Addresses were given by Reverends W. W. Weekly, A. B. Fields and J. Stallion. Prof. J. B. Davis was master of ceremonies. Miss Wiley Smith, acted as organist. The following pupils of Wheatley School will graduate May 22: Chas. Spencer, Ernest Kelley, Dell Hernandez, Maggie Nevils and Hattie Carter. Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Herman were the guests for dinner Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones. Mrs. A. B. Kary is ill at her home on Albee Street. Mr. Jas. Ivy, of Wynne, Ark., is visiting his cousin, Mr. C. P. Jackson. The Ladies' Aid was reorganized last Friday at the M. E. Church. Mrs. T. A. Herman, President; Mrs. Jno. Stallion, Secretary; Mrs. Chas. Jones, Treasurer. The Argus reporter was a caller of Mrs. W. T. Lolla last Sunday. Elisha Duke is rehearsing the girls and boys for a drama to be given in the near future. Mother's Day was observed at the C. M. E. Church last Sunday. Rev. T. A. Herman is a new reader of the Argus. The Stewards Board of the C. M. E. Church met with Mrs. H. Clemmons last Thursday. Mrs. K. Fields was elected secretary. Mrs. Mary Parker is not expected to live. The faculty of Wheatley School will entertain their pupils with a picnic Saturday.

## ST. CLAIR, MO.

By Miss P. Murray

Miss Ella Ewing returned home last Sunday after spending a week in St. Louis, accompanied by Miss E. Braxton. Mr. I. C. Ewing is home for a few days. Mrs. E. Harris was in town on business last Saturday. Elmer Generally was injured Monday by a runaway horse. Mrs. Lucy Wilburn, of St. Louis, is visiting friends here. Master Rufus Ewing and Walter Wallace were in Moulton Sunday. Mrs. L. M. Generally returned home Sunday. Mr. Robt. Elliott is in Pacific, Mo. Mrs. W. E. Evans was in St. Louis visiting her son and friends for a few days.

## FREDERICKTOWN, MO.

By Mrs. N. B. Villars

Messrs. Etson Matthews, Malvin Nelson and Henry King left for St. Louis last week in search of work. Miss Eula Meredith is at home again from St. Louis. Mr. Frank Kemp has made modern improvement on his place, making it look quite attractive. Mr. B. Smith was in De Soto last week on business. Langston Primary held their exercises at the school last Friday night. Graduating exercises will be Thursday evening at Haven Chapel M. E. Church. The graduates are: Evelyn Avant, and Dora Williams. Mr. T. Bujant left for Festus Friday. A. M. E. Sunday school convention will convene at Bethel A. M. E. Church in June. Mr. Geo. Craig and Mrs. Hattie Villars are on the sick list. Langston Primaries had their outing Tuesday. Mr. Geo. Villars was here on business Tuesday.

## EDWARDSVILLE, ILL.

By Edw. E. Williams

Sunday is Quarterly Meeting at Wesley Chapel, Rev. Brown, of Alton, and Rev. Hassel, of Lovejoy, are expected to assist Rev. Seay. Rev. N. Hastings gave a lecture Monday night at Wesley Chapel. Prof. C. G. Jones and others, who are on the sick list, are much improved. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moxley visited her mother, Mrs. E. Williams Sunday. Rev. Phillips preached at First Baptist Church Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams are rejoicing over the arrival of a ten pound boy May 9.

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## LOST RELATIVES

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of John Nelson, formerly of Memphis, Tenn., should notify Captain Johnson of the Laclede Station or the Argus office. His sister, Mrs. Branch, wishes to hear from him.

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## THE N. A. A. C. P. DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The District Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which opened a three-day session in this city at the Berea Presbyterian Church Friday night, should receive the most hearty support from all lovers of liberty and human rights. Not merely because of its name, nor because its headquarters are in New York City, but because it is the organization that has done more for the Negro in securing his political and civil rights than any other agency since the civil war. This organization is composed of white and colored people who have banded themselves together to fight for the cause of humanity, and especially against all laws of a discriminating nature, that are on the statute books in most of the states and municipalities of this country.

Customs, for instance, which allow one class of citizens to lynch, burn at the stake, jim-crow, deny equal justice before the law, and many other forms of injustices; custom, we say, that in most cases have been put into some form of law. These are the principal evils that the National Association for the Advancement of colored people is fighting. Judge D. P. Dyer in granting an injunction restraining the City of St. Louis from enforcing the segregation ordinances, said that he would have made the order permanent were it not for the fact that the Louisville case was before the United States Supreme Court.

The Louisville case is of vital interest to the Negro, its decision will determine whether the Negro shall have the rights to buy land or own a home in any part of this country; where he is able, by the sweat of his brow to pay for. This Louisville case that is before the Supreme Court is in charge of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. It was argued a short while ago, perhaps its last time. Mr. Moorfield Storey, that eminent attorney and president of the association argued the case on behalf of the plaintiffs. He met every contention made by the defense with a knock-out blow. That old argument, that such an ordinance is fair because it applies equally to both races, was left on its "knuckles" without a leg to stand on. Reply to this argument Mr. Storey said:

"In the present case it is contended that the difficulty is met by the provision that white persons shall not occupy buildings in 'colored blocks.' As well argue that, an ordinance which prevented a denizen of Five Points from moving into Fifth Avenue could be sustained because it forbade the dweller on Fifth Avenue to move into Five Points. Anatole France has commented upon the absolute justice of the laws which prevent rich and poor alike from sleeping under the arches of the bridges which cross the Seine and from begging in the public streets. A law which forbids a Negro to rise is not made just because it forbids a white man to fall."

The above statement is rich; full and comprehensive. In answer to another old argument that such a law tends to avoid friction between races. Mr. Storey said:

"At Palm Beach in Florida Negroes act as chauffeurs; if they appear in Miami they are mobbed and the result is a breach of the public peace. In some places they are attacked if they engage in certain employments, which the whites wish to monopolize, and violence may be used in the effort to prevent them."

"Would the police power, justify a law forbidding them to act as chauffeurs in Miami, or to engage in any lawful employment anywhere, because they might be attacked if they did so? If so, they have no rights. If not, this ordinance cannot be sustained, for it is defended on the ground that one body of citizens may take from another body their clear rights in order to prevent lawless attacks upon the latter by the former. The only policeman who ever fancied that such a police power existed was the wolf in his dealings with the lamb."

This argument, seems to us should settle the question of legal segregation for ever. And we said in the outset, no doubt but that this is the last time that such a case will ever come before the highest tribunal of this land.

## WHO CAN TELL?

This world war as it now appears to be, presents an interesting stage and leaves much room for comment and speculation as to the part that each country or nation shall play. Just what spot of ground the final curtain will fall on seems to be beyond prediction with any certainty at present.

However, a close study of human nature, and the remote maneuvers of the big little nations of the world will furnish some food for thought.

The eyes of the world are upon the United States. Its ears are open to hear the new achievements of the German Sub-Marine. Its pocket-books are open to England and France with silver and gold, and it is generally accepted that the terms of peace will be dictated by one of these four great nations.

This reminds us very much of the National election which took place last fall. The best informed politicians, had their eyes on Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York to elect the president, but it was left to far away California to cast the deciding vote.

Call for wisest men, look to every spot on the globe, who can tell who will cast the deciding vote in this great war. We are not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet, but we predict before the final settlement is made, all men of everywhere will be sought for as the politician seeks the voters, and that the far-off "California" will come in and dictate the terms of peace.

## NO SLACKER FOR THIS SERVICE.

Volunteer service, is generally accepted as an expansion of character of the individual. This part, was most interestingly brought out at a meeting of the campaign committee and workers of the Pine Street Branch Young Men's Christian Association two weeks ago.

The spirit of volunteer service, and team work ran high. The chairman of the Board of Managers, Prof. F. L. Williams in an interesting talk, told his hearers of the joys of real service. This was an enthusiastic meeting. There were no slackers there. Every man seemed willing to do his "bit" toward paying and collecting the remaining part of the building fund.

The colored people of St. Louis are on trial. The raising and collecting fifty thousand dollars is a big undertaking. We should meet the task cheerfully. We have been most fortunate in St. Louis. Those who subscribe large amounts have set the pace by paying. Surely those who subscribed lesser amounts will do their part.

The half-way-mark has been assured, and one more strong pull all-together will set a new mark in Y. M. C. A. work among colored people in this country. Slackers can't do it.

## MASTER EDWARD CLARDY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Lizzie Hall, of 2915a Market St. and Mrs. Sarah Johnson, friends of Mrs. Edward Clardy, gave a birthday party Saturday, at the residence of Mrs. Hall, in honor of Master Edward Clardy. The table in the dining room was beautifully decorated, and upon it was a large white cake with nine green candles, which marked the age of Master Clardy. The repast was served in three courses, much to the delight of the young folks present, among whom were: William and Yashu Morrow, present with a beautiful plate, cup and saucer; Howard Glover, a box of chocolates; William Nesbitt two handkerchiefs and a tie; May Francis Henderson, a pair of stockings, and a handkerchief; Geo. Brown, an initial handkerchief; Tullus Johnson, a necktie; Arthur Williams, a cup and saucer; Nancy Nixie, a pair of stockings; William Hopkin, handkerchief; Mrs. Porter, two waists and tie; Mrs. Agee, hand-painted handkerchief. Others present were: Wendie Parker, Maud Johnson, and the mother and father of the children. All expressed their selves as having a glorious time.

## COURT AWARDS CHILDREN TO FATHER

James H. Adams, of 4267a Cottage Ave., was granted a divorce from Mary Adams Tuesday morning in Judge Garache's division of the Circuit Court, and was awarded custody of their two children, both girls, a large number of witnesses in the case, some out of town, testified in the case. The charge was infidelity. Tom Johnson being named as respondent. Mr. Adams was represented by attorney Horace A. Taylor and Geo. L. Vaughn.

## HEADQUARTERS AT DELANEY

The Central Committee on Food Conservation has opened a district headquarters at Delaney School, Virginia Avenue and the corner of 17th and 18th streets. The boys of the school, under the direction of Mesdames Casey and Anthony and Miss Anita Sticks, have cleared several lots and will begin planting at once. On Monday, under the supervision of Principal John B. Vichon, and the teachers, the pupils of Delaney School planted the garden on the school premises. Last fall the products of the garden of this school, took first prize, at the St. Louis Fair.

## STATE MEDICAL CONFERENCE

Dr. W. P. Curtis, president of the Missouri Pan-Medical Association, has called a conference meeting of the society at Pythian Hall on Thursday, May 25, for the purpose of making plans for the future of the Society. It is hoped that a large number of the medical fraternity from the state will attend.

## ST. JAMES CHURCH

St. James was attacked at both services Sunday—Dr. Peck was called to Festus, Mo., on business. Dr. Sheafe, the eminent Gospel preacher, preached two able sermons. It is with regret we report the illness of our organist, Mrs. Alice Richardson. We are praying for her speedy recovery. Miss Gladys Bradshaw, Miss G. W. Packard and Mr. Russell Rees the Ford. The race begins Sunday 20, promptly at 9 p. m. in the Sunday school room. Be present and ride in your favorite machine. Senior Endeavor meets in the lecture room at six o'clock. Come to church each Sunday morning. The pastor has been elected and has a bounteous feast in store for you. Bring a friend with you.

## SEVEN CHURCH BAPTIST UNION

Seven Church Baptist Union met Sunday with Galilee Baptist Church, 2121 N. Leffingwell, Rev. Geo. W. Packard, Pastor. The meeting was a very good one, and a most interesting sermon was preached by Rev. W. W. Perry. The text was "An Eye for an Eye." Collection was \$16.00. Next meeting will be at Bethel Church, 2121 Pine St., Rev. Robinson, Pastor. Rev. A. W. Perry will preach the sermon. Sunday after-

noon, the women's meeting will be with the Temple Ave. Baptist Church, Rev. G. W. Hall, Pastor, 8 E. Mollon, Sec'y.

The Converts' Club, of Mt. Olive St., are truly worthy of our highest praise. They banded themselves together and launched the idea of getting the pastor, Rev. D. W. Morris in a suit of cloth for the second Sunday in May. It is no longer an idea, but a real fact, for Dr. Morris wore the suit on last Sunday, a lovely, shimmering, black silk broadcloth suit, well fitted to his little, well cut figure. And his pride is quite pardonable for 'tis the gift of his young-est born, (members) and a token of esteem and love.

## REV. D. W. MORRIS

The gallant little crew that served on the committee board, being: Sammie Broadbent, President; S. S. S. Vinograd, Vice President; Gertrude Harvey, Secretary; Grace Harvey, Asst. Secretary and Eva Webb, Treasurer, were successful in their first efforts and raised and spent two dollars and fifty cents for a suit for their pastor to be worn on their bi-annual day.

The church has made giant strides under Dr. Morris' administration. Her growth is safely exceeding all expectations. A warm welcome awaits all comers within our doors. Rev. D. W. Morris, Pastor.

## EL BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

El Bethel is moving on to progress, and Pastor Perry is planning to do a great work for Jesus in North St. Louis. The Sunday school is doing nicely, and the Mission Circle is beginning to revive. Sunday was communion, and the services were largely attended. The funeral of Mr. Robt. Brown was preached Saturday at the Church by Rev. Perry. We extend our sympathy to the family. Mr. Lee Book is reported very sick. Little Evelyn Cook is reported better, also Mr. Johnson. The Union Volunteer will have their annual sermon preached at the El Bethel Church, the first Sunday in June. We expect to baptize the first Sunday in June.

## ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH

Last Sunday was another big day for St. Paul. Dr. Johnson spoke from the theme "A Plea for Peace," at the morning service. The large congregation, which not only filled the church, but the lecture room also, listened with intense interest while Dr. Johnson made an eloquent plea for a consecrated home-life and a pure motherhood. Rev. Haynes (white) of the M. E. Church, delivered the sermon at the evening service on the subject of "Light." It could be seen that he had given the sermon much thought, and the congregation fully appreciated it. Brother Kennedy, superintendent of the Sunday school, and Sister Alice Jones, of the Primary Department, are striving to make their departments second to none in the city.

## GRACE MISSION

Grace Mission, A. M. E. Church, will hold quarterly meeting at 1526 Morgan St. Sunday, May 20, at 3 p. m. The several pastors and congregations are expected to take part. All are invited. Rev. B. W. Stewart, pastor.

## YIPST BAPTIST CHURCH

By Miss Sadie M. Pillow  
The rally was a decided success. We only owe two more parts, and hope all members will come on the 4th Sunday

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and Rev. A. B. Collins delivered the evening sermon. His subject was "The Victor's Reward." Our pastor, Rev. S. A. Moseley, formerly of Pine Bluff, Ark., put forth every effort to make the week's program a success. A reception marked the closing, Monday night.  
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Seven state associations of retail dealers in different lines of trade, representing about one-half of the total number of responsible merchants, are advising their members to prepare to follow the definite recommendations of the federal trade commission for successful and economical merchandising and then to concentrate their efforts on endeavoring to increase the prosperity of those who trade with them. As the public is interested in having the best service from the retail distributors, the public is invited to start the movement. The bankers were the first committed and have offered to do their part. The women's clubs, civic organizations and farmers' associations are going to help, too.

As a first step, the local dealers settle up their outstanding local accounts with each other and at the same time with everyone else in town and the adjoining country, including what they owe to farmers, the lawyer, the doctor, the newspaper, contractors, mechanics, etc.  
Quite a number of members and visitors enjoyed our splendid programs during the week. There will be a grand literary program and mass meeting, Sunday May 20, at 8:30 p. m. Rev. C. A. Buchanan, of Oklahoma, delivered the sermon last Sunday morning.

May 21st, Rev. W. W. Oakes will preach from the subject, "Obedience." May 22nd, Rev. T. P. Abbott will deliver the message and his choir will sing May 23rd, Rev. Presbyterian Church and the pastor, Rev. S. W. Parr, will preach; May 24th, Central Baptist Church, Rev. Geo. L. Stevens will preach and the choir will sing.  
Hear Dr. Shaw, Sunday morning.  
TAKEN CARE BAPTIST CHURCH  
By Emma Page  
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# INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

There is a lesson for Christian backsliders, and alas! there are many of them in the church. Some of them do not gladly return to the father's house, but they are timid and fearful, so discouraged. But let them take heart again, for God loves and yearns for them. The story of the prodigal in Luke 15 was meant for them. Let which he did insure a loving home for him in his old home, and let them follow his example as outlined in the language of Psalm 51 and Luke 1:9. They also will be met in the same way, and know what it is to the old joy of their salvation received unto them, because by grace will be cleansed from all unrighteousness.

St. James A. M. E. Church, St. Ferd-

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Preaching, 11:00 a. m. B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Preaching, 8:00 p. m. Midweek services, Tuesday night, preaching 8:00 p. m. Thursday night prayer meeting; Fourth Friday night each month, Mission Circle. Communion first Sunday night each month. Rev. L. R. Chaney, Pastor. Sister M. B. Hardin, Clerk.

Union A. M. E. Church, Shady and  
Lincoln Aves., Rev. W. H. Pearson,  
Pastor; J. E. Sanders, Secretary and  
Superintendent of Sunday school,  
teaching, 11:00 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.  
Mass meeting Thursday night.

never is a time when we can let this struggle against the mighty of Intemperance.

As a reply (v. 9) this would indicate that God took them to task justly weakened. If the prophet, if, is the speaker, then Jehovah presented as teaching knowledge and not to the self-sufficient, these whom he "makes to understand his message" (R. V. ); and the of his teaching is precept upon precept. If we will not hear God's word and patient call to repentance, we speak to us through cruel enemies. If we will not teach our children we will not keep everlastingly this question, he will use others (v. 11).

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